



Proclamation

Presented to

American Red Cross, Hawai'i State Chapter

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is a worldwide volunteer-led humanitarian organization whose mission is to "prevent and alleviate human suffering, wherever it may be found, to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being in times of war and peace"; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, Hawai'i State Chapter was chartered in 1917, and has assisted victims of every major disaster in our islands' history, including the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hilo tsunami, Kilauea volcanic eruptions, Hurricane Iwa and Iniki, New Year's and Mānoa floods, Kaloko Dam burst, Big Island earthquake, Sacred Fall landslides, Xerox shooting, helicopter and airplane crashes, hostage situations, and mercury contamination incident; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, Hawai'i State Chapter provides compassionate aid to victims of natural and man-made disasters that occur in Hawai'i every three (3) days, and offers food, clothing, shelter, crisis counseling and emotional support to help victims get back on their feet after a tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, Hawai'i State Chapter helps prevent families from becoming homeless after a disaster strikes; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, Hawai'i State Chapter volunteers are always ready to respond to disasters 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week, and provides disaster training and disaster services free;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March, 2011, as

"AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH"

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-third day of February, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i

